

stop, it is time for the Burma Army to withdraw from the ethnic areas, and it is time for the international community to stop indirectly facilitating the blatant racism in Burma by normalizing every relationship with the regime Burma and instead express exceptional disappointment with the failure to move forward towards honest political dialogue and true democracy.

I call on the Government of Burma to prove its commitment to democracy and peace by unconditionally and immediately ending the horrific attacks against ethnic minorities and fully withdrawing from their territories. Earn the trust of the people by showing, over the long term, that you truly have turned 180 degrees and will implement democratic principles instead of imposing a dictatorship on the population.

I call on the Obama Administration to embrace the reality in Burma. Listen to what the people who live inside Burma say they desire. They want to live in peace, but that will not happen until the Burma Government and Army stop their attacks against the ethnic groups and enact a nationwide ceasefire. The U.S. Administration needs to stop its direct and indirect support for the Burma Government and Army by discontinuing assistance until specific benchmarks are met, by delaying any Pentagon training until all attacks against minorities cease, and by ensuring the ethnic nationality groups are given a full and equal place at the table to help decide the future of their country.

To the ethnic nationalities of Burma—stand your ground. You deserve to have your rights and freedoms protected and you deserve an equal place at the table to decide the future of your country.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL AND THE WORLD OF WONDERS SCIENCE PROGRAM

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Liberty High School in Brentwood, California. Liberty High School was the recipient of the Lawrence Livermore National Security's (LLNS) Community Gift Program for the school's AP Environmental Science and Calculus Classes. These classes engage students in science through a water quality monitoring project that allows students to sample, analyze, and interpret water quality data for Marsh Creek.

I also want to recognize the World of Wonders Science Museum in Lodi, California, which also was a recipient of the LLNS Community Gift Program. This museum offers hands-on, science-based exhibits and programs to disadvantaged schools within San Joaquin County.

Engaging young people in science, technology, math, and education programs is key to ensuring that the United States remains a world leader in technology advancements and innovation. We must challenge our children intellectually and find ways to keep them interested in making our world a better place.

It is in the classroom, the home, and our community that children are inspired to learn

and explore. Liberty High School and the World of Wonders Science Museum represent what can be accomplished when all partners involved work together.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Liberty High School and the World of Wonders Science Museum for earning a competitive grant and for the work they do with children in our community.

HONORING MARTHA LOPEZ

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Martha Lopez arrived here from Mexico City when she was 15, attended and graduated from Mamaroneck High School. She went on to get her B.A. in Sociology from Lehman College and a Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University.

She worked for the Washingtonville Housing Alliance for more than 17 years as the assistant director. While there she involved herself in a variety of community activities including as a Founding Member of the Board of Directors of KEEPS, an after-school program for children in Mamaroneck, and as a Founding Member and Chair of Voz y Vida at St. Vito's Church which helps Hispanic families adjust to the United States and easing the problems of day laborers in Mamaroneck. Voz y Vida received the Martin Luther King Award from the Mamaroneck Tri-Commission Human Rights Committee in 1993.

She is also a member of the Westchester Hispanic Advisory Board, Secretary to the Board of Directors, Emelin Theater, and Co-founding the Hispanic Resource Center of Larchmont/Mamaroneck and served for two years its president.

She received the Dr. Martin Luther King Human Rights Award, for her efforts on behalf of immigrants.

In 2001 Martha was named Director for Hispanic Affairs for Westchester County, serving as a bridge between government programs and services and the Westchester Hispanic community.

In 2010 Martha oversaw the village-wide educational campaign that complied with the Federal Voting Rights Case settlement of Port Chester.

She is presently Bilingual Election Inspector Coordinator with Westchester County Board of Elections where she manages a county-wide training program for more than 200 bilingual (English-Spanish) election inspectors.

She and her husband Dennis Hanratty, Executive Director of Mount Vernon United Tenants, have two children. Louis and Jason.

Martha Lopez has compiled an extraordinary record of accomplishments for the Hispanic community and for Westchester County and I am proud to join with the Hispanic Democrats of Westchester in honoring her.

TRIBUTE TO LESLIE A. MILLIN

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Leslie A. Millin, Sr. a

former Director of Personnel for the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands, who recently passed away after a long illness. Leslie A. Millin was a career public servant, a community activist and a man committed to our territory.

He will be remembered for his hard work and dedication to civil service and his commitment to improving the quality of life, not just for government employees, but for all Virgin Islanders.

Leslie Millin, Sr. was first appointed to Director of Personnel, by our first elected governor, the Honorable Melvin E. Evans in 1972. Under his directorship, a voluntary Health Insurance Plan was established. He continued his service during the administration of former Governor Juan Luis, and was the last Personnel Director to administer both the Government Employees Retirement System and the Personnel System of the Virgin Islands government. Under the administration of the Honorable Roy L. Schneider, he served as Director of Human Resources and Comptroller of the Department of Public Works.

Leslie Millin, Sr. came from a family for whom public service was first nature. He is the grandson of the first female Virgin Islands Senator Lucinda Millin, the son of the third elect Lieutenant Governor Henry A. Millin and the brother of sitting Virgin Islands senator Janet Millin Young and the father of current Commissioner of Property and Procurement Lynn Millin Maduro.

As we remember Leslie Millin, Sr.'s example of public service, I offer my condolences to his wife, Daisy-Mae, his sister, Senator Janet Millin Young, his children, to include Commissioner Lynn Millin Maduro and his many other relatives, friends and colleagues who are all saddened by his passing. On behalf of my family and staff, I extend my sympathies. May he rest in peace.

HONORING CHIEF MARK McCORMICK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Mark McCormick, who is retiring after more than 20 years of service with the Santa Rosa Fire Department.

Mark has been a member of the Santa Rosa Fire Department for more than 20 years, during which time he has served our community in a number of capacities. He has served as a Firefighter, Fire Captain, Fire Inspector as well as the Department's Deputy Fire Chief and City Fire Marshal. Mr. McCormick was appointed Fire Chief on September 1st, 2011.

His long and storied career began 32 years ago when he served his country in the United States Air Force in Anchorage, Alaska. After being honorably discharged from the Air Force, he began his post-military career in firefighting with both the City of Corona and the Orange County Fire Departments prior to moving to Santa Rosa in 1991.

During his tenure with the SRFD Mark saw many successes, including the expansion of the department's service territory with the construction of Fire Station-10 and Station-11. In